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The following shipments of Soviet troops and materiel were observed in the area of JUTERBOG (N 52/E 69) between 7 and 17 August 1949:

7 August 1949: A train of 35 to 40 boxcars and three flatcars passed through JUTERBOG towards HALLE (N 52/D 92). Each flatcar carried one tank.

8 August 1949: A train of 37 boxcars, occupied by troops, proceeded from the direction of WITTENBERG (N 52/E 37) towards BERLIN.

10 August 1949: A train of several boxcars and flatcars was standing at the JUTERBOG military railroad station. The flatcars were loaded with four heavy guns of about 280 mm caliber with limbers.

15 August 1949: A train of 10 boxcars, occupied by young troops, proceeded in the direction of WITTENBERG.

Evening of 15 August 1949:

A train with the following cargo proceeded in the direction of WITTENBERG:

One tank turret on a flatcar
One tank chassis on a flatcar
Fourteen trucks

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Four guns of 120 to 150 mm caliber
Four short barreled guns of 150 to 200 mm caliber
Two jeeps
Five tanks of various types
About 120 troops on three boxcars.

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- 16 August 1949: A train of seven boxcars, occupied by about 20-year-old troops, was standing at the JUSTERBOG railroad station.
- 17 August 1949: A train of 15 sealed boxcars and 25 flatcars, which had allegedly come from HABLE, was standing at the marshalling yard. Each flatcar carried two new "Volkswagen" (people's cars).

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Comment: The tanks and guns observed on trains going on the JUSTERBOG-WITTLBERG-HABLE railroad line in both directions are believed to have belonged to component units of the 6th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) (stationed in the WITTLBERG area) and the 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) (stationed in the BISSAU-ROSSLAU-ZERBET-KOMMANN area) which have been engaged in summer maneuvers in the WARDER-MARKENDORF training area since June 1949. The numerous railroad shipments on the mentioned railroad line and the observations made in the quartering area of the two mentioned divisions indicate that component units of the two divisions were alternately going to the WARDER-MARKENDORF training area for summer maneuvers.

The young troops observed on the trains on 8, 15 and 16 August 1949 may have been recruits. According to a previous report, 2,500 to 3,000 troops, who were said to have come from the Soviet Union, were detrained at the former JUSTERBOG-DAMM airfield on 20 August 1949 *.

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